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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 2, 2014

ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State of incorporation)

001-35068 (Commission File No.) 351 Galveston Drive 41-2193603 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

Redwood City, CA 94063

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(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (650) 216-3500

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS.

On December 2, 2014, the Board of Directors of AcelRx Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the Company) adopted a supplemental retention Cash Bonus Plan (the Approval Plan), under which the Company s named executive officers are participants. The Approval Plan provides that all employees as of December 1, 2014 are eligible to participate in the Approval Plan. Under the Approval Plan, a cash bonus payment equal to 70% of the each individual s 2014 target annual bonus, based on the individual s base salary at the time of the payment, will be payable upon receipt of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration s approval of the Company s new drug application for Zalviso, with said payments being made to all eligible employees, including the named executive officers, who remain employed by the Company on such approval date.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: December 8, 2014 ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.

By: /s/ Timothy E. Morris Timothy E. Morris Chief Financial Officer